(d) whether Government proposes to take steps to check the circulation of fake cylinders; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL): (a) to (c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have not reported instances of large scale circulation of fake LPG cylinders in the country. However, there have been some instances when spurious cylinders were detected by the OMCs at the distributors' premises. During the years 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and April 2008 to November, 2008, OMCs have detected 75 number of spurious cylinders in the country. The year-wise and State-wise details are at Statement. (*See* below)

(d) and (e) OMCs are procuring LPG cylinders from cylinder manufacturers who are approved by the Oil Industry Technical Committee (OITC) and have valid manufacturing licences from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and the Chief Controller of Explosives (CCOE). Strict control is exercised by BIS over the manufacturing process. LPG cylinders procured by OMCs meet the required quality standards.

LPG cylinders received from distributors/transporters at the bottling plants are mandatorily checked for quality and genuineness to avoid the entry of fake and outlived cylinders in circulation. On detection of sub-standard / spurious cylinders, these are confiscated and thereafter de-shaped / crushed to prevent their re-entry into circulation.

Apart from the legal action which could be taken against any supplier of spurious LPG equipment, in case any distributor is found in possession of spurious equipment or inducts such equipment in the distribution system, Marketing Discipline Guidelines provide, *inter-alia*, for confiscation of equipment, imposition of fine and recovery at penal rates for the first and second offences and termination of distributorship in the event of a third offence.

Statement

State-wise number of spurious LPG cylinders detected by OMCs during the years 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and April-November, 2008

State/UT	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	April-November, 2008
Andhra Pradesh	-	-	19	4
Gujarat	-	-	-	2
Maharashtra	-	6	-	-
Orissa	-	32	-	-
Rajasthan	-	-	2	2
Uttar Pradesh	-	-	6	2
TOTAL :	0	38	27	10

Bio-diesel

†1651. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(a) whether it is a fact that bio-diesel is being produced in large scale in the country;

(b) if so the number of units engaged in its production so far along with their production capacity;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the product of said units is being exported;

(d) if so, the percentage of products being exported out of the total production; and

(e) the percentage of this product being utilized in our country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) As per the information available, Statement on production/export of bio-diesel is enclosed.

Statement

Details of production export of bio-diesel

Sl. No.	Name of Industry	Capacity of bio-diesel plant	Year of Commiss-ioing	Location	Total quantity of bio-diesel production
1.	HPCL	300 liter/day	2007	R&D Centre, Vashi	Not for commercial production
2.	Nova Biofuel	10,000 tonne/ annum	July, 2007	Vill. Rajapur, Panipat	400 ton
3.	Natural Bio-energy	100000 TPA	29th April, 2008	Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh	20400 MT*
4.	Tinna Oils & Chemicals Ltd.	50 Tons per day	Feb. 2007	Latur, Maharashtra	1000 MT till Oct. 2008 from commissioning
5.	Reliance Industries	6500 TPA	N.A.	Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh	--

* Natural Bio-energy Limited has exported 9188 MT of bio-diesel to Europe as per information provided by them on 6th November 2008.

Decline in international crude oil price

†1652. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on an average the per barrel crude price of the Indian basket in the international market in the months of July, August and September, 2008 has been 132.47 dollar, 113.05 dollar and 96.81 dollar respectively;

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